

**Government Reform and Restructuring Commission  
McLean Town Hall**

Capital One Headquarters  
July 8, 2010- 2:00-3:30 PM

Town Hall Commission Attendees: Heather Cox, Delegate Bob Brink, Bruce Gemmill, The Honorable Maurice McTigue, Geoff Segal  
Commission Staff Director: Mike Reynold

Opening

Heather Cox introduced herself and spoke briefly about the commission's mission and some of its subcommittees activities so far. The other commission members then introduced themselves. Mike Reynold then elaborated further on the commission and sub-committees activities after which Heather Cox opened the floor for comment.

Public Comment:

- The first commenter suggested consolidating or eliminating many redundant transportation commission and committees in Northern Virginia.
- Chris Walker said he wanted VDOT to do a six year budget that wasn't geography based, provide a directions function online and reduce lighting on state highways.
- Mark Worsh stated that Virginia should have sales tax on online transactions.
- Robert Sharpe suggested changing Virginia law to allow some personal cultivation of marijuana.
- Jeff McKay called for more funding for and increased flexibility and autonomy of local governments. He asked that local governments be involved in the licensing of liquor stores as part of the process of privatizing ABC stores.
- Delegate Jim LeMunyon asked that the commission recommend the passage of house bill 779 that would require construction projects be evaluated on their ability to reduce congestion and that these evaluations be available to the public.
- Larry Kirsh suggested letting local treasuries help the state in collecting delinquent taxes instead of hiring collection agencies.
- John Palatello said that the state government needs an accurate inventory of the land it owns; interagency work should be open to competition; Virginia should revitalize the Commonwealth Competition Council; the design of VDOT needs to be re-evaluated; and the state should not be building a hotel on the George Mason campus.
- Gilbert Robinson suggested creating an idea council in Virginia.
- Bob Chase said transportation projects should be prioritized by their ability to reduce congestion, the commission should consider using the Hampton Roads transportation plan as a statewide model and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission should be consolidated.
- Rob Whitfield suggested half of the funds generated from Virginia's 2% gasoline tax should go to upkeep of the road network and that the Airport Authority and the Metropolitan Washington Transit Authority need greater government oversight.
- Caren Merick said when determining economic policy the state should ask what problems are we solving for our customers, where is the leverage, and how do we measure this? Caren Merick said Virginia should cut spending before raising taxes.

Closing:

Heather Cox thanked the town hall attendees for their comments and invited all present to attend any of the other currently scheduled town halls around the state.